**Insurance schemes for rural poor**

1430. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:
SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government propose to introduce new housing loan and insurance schemes for rural poor;

(b) if so, by when this scheme is likely to be introduced; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Payment of dividend by Public Sector Banks**

1431. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Public Sector Banks have been asked to pay interim dividend to Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) In view of the good performance of most of the public sector banks and expected growth in their net profit for the half year ending September, 2003 banks were asked to consider paying interim dividend on or before finalisation of accounts of quarter ending December, 2003.